

HOUSE BILL 2847

By Sargent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;  
Title 37; Title 39, Chapter 13; Title 39, Chapter 15  
and Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to child sexual  
abuse offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-101(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) Notwithstanding any common law presumption to the contrary, a finding under § 36-6-106(a)(8), that child abuse, as defined in § 39-15-401 or § 39-15-402, or child sexual abuse, as defined in § 37-1-602, has occurred shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption that it is detrimental to the child and not in the best interests of the child to award sole custody, joint legal or joint physical custody or unsupervised visitation to the perpetrator of such abuse.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to custody decrees made on or after such date.